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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

REEDSBURG WOMAN CHARGED WITH eBay FRAUD

Christina M. Phillips, 28, of Reedsburg, Wis., is charged in a three-count indictment with devising a fraud scheme in which she would offer items for sale via eBay, and send either fake items or nothing at all to people who had the highest bids on the items. The indictment alleges that from December 13, 2004 to March 10, 2005, she obtained approximately \$12,559 as a result of this scheme.

If convicted, Phillips faces 20 years on each count. The charges against her are the result of an investigation by the Reedsburg Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

FEDERAL INMATE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

Mateo Morales, 36, an inmate of the Federal Correctional Institution at Oxford, Wis., is charged with possessing a prohibited object, specifically, marijuana. The indictment alleges that he possessed the marijuana on September 2, 2007.

If convicted, Morales faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Prisons and Federal Bureau of Identification. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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